The Strength Returns of the British Army in North America during the
War of 1812:

Part II: Nova Scotia and the American Coast

In the course of his research, Dr. Andrew Bamford studied the strength returns for the British Army during the Napoleonic Wars, compiling the information in a number of spreadsheets. We are pleased to offer the complete set of monthly strength returns for the British forces in Canada (i.e. those in Upper and Lower Canada) between January 1812 and July 1815. Some, but not all, Canadian units are also included in these listings.

Dr. Bamford presents the historical context of the strength returns, an explanation his methodology and how the data is presented a brief article at:

http://www.napoleon-series.org/military/organization/Britain/Strength/Bamford/c_BritishArmyStrengthStudyIntroduction.html

Strength Returns for Nova Scotia and the American Coast

**Nova Scotia.** These returns are for the forces based on Nova Scotia but also encompassing New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, Bermuda, and troops engaged in operations against Maine. Some of the troops from Bermuda were also engaged in operations against the Atlantic coast of the USA.

**American Coast.** The returns for the forces engaged in the attacks on Washington, Baltimore, and New Orleans, including units at sea in preparation for these attacks. The return for October 1814 is a composite of two returns, one for the troops that had come from the failed attack on Baltimore, under Brooke, and the other for reinforcements at sea under Lambert.

http://www.napoleon-series.org/military/organization/Britain/Strength/Bamford/c_BritishArmyStrengthStudyWarof1812a.html

It is hoped that our readers will find this material useful in their researches.

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